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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated for Approval of GCRMs
Docket No. 2006-401-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and has no objection to Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.'s ("Piedmont") request for approval of GCRM-144. Piedmont has requested a benchmark cost of gas increase from the current \$3.00 per dekatherm to \$3.50 per dekatherm and for this change to become effective with the first billing cycle for November 2017.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns regarding the matter above.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey M. Nelson

cc: Scott M. Tyler, Esquire (via E-mail)
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